RETURN DATE: APRIL 18, 2017 : SUPERIOR COURT

EDWARD BARRON, CONSERVATOR OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF D.T. AND JONATHAN CONETTA

PLAINTIFFS

J.D. OF FAIRFIELD

V. : AT BRIDGEPORT

BRUCE J. BEMER and WILLIAM TREFZGER

DEFENDANTS : APRIL 5, 2017

AFFIDAVIT OF JOEL T. FAXON

I, Joel T. Faxon, being duly sworn, hereby depose and say that:

- 1. I am over the age of 18 years and understand the obligations and sanctity of an oath.
- 2. I am familiar with the facts alleged in the complaint dated April 5, 2017, which will be served on the respondent-defendants and the application for prejudgment remedy, which facts and allegations are incorporated by reference herein, and those facts are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- 3. Upon information and belief the defendants will have no insurance to cover this matter due to the nature of the allegations in the Complaint.
- 4. The plaintiffs' injuries and damages include bodily invasion, drug consumption and addiction and the humiliation of multiple sexual encounters with the defendants that were precipitated and occasioned by the defendants' involvement in a human sexual trafficking racketeering operation where they targeted young men or "boys" as defendants described them who were susceptible to coercion and participation in the defendants' devious scheme by virtue of the plaintiffs' diminished

mental capacity and mental disabilities. The defendants targeted the plaintiffs as a result of their perceived mental illness and the ease of convincing them to participate in the sex scheme, which resulted in pain and suffering, medical expenses, diminution of earning capacity and other non-economic damages.

- 5. The heinousness of the conduct set forth in the Warrant Applications attached hereto as Exhibits 1, 2 & 3 merits the imposition of substantial punitive damages.
- 6. Based on the foregoing, I believe there is probable cause that a judgment will enter in favor of the applicant-plaintiffs as against the respondent-defendants, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, taking into account any known defenses, counterclaims or setoffs.
 - 7. I respectfully request a hearing on this matter.

Joel T. Faxon

State of Connecticut

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this _5+4 day of

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Commissioner of Superior Court/Notary Public

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- 4. That on 03 August 2016, the affiant and SA Suizdak obtained a Search and Seizure warrant at Danbury Superior Court authorizing the search of Robert King's residence at 42 Miry Brook Road in Danbury, Connecticut. This search was to look for and seize items related to the promotion of prostitution in violation of Connecticut General Statutes.
- 5. That on 05 August 2016 the above mentioned search warrant was executed by members of the Danbury Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- 6. That on 05 August 2016 while Robert King's residence was being searched King was asked if he would consent to be interviewed. King said he would, he was told that he was not under arrest and could end the interview at any time. King was also advised that at the conclusion of the interview he would be going home. This interview was conducted by the affiant and SA Suizdak and was conducted at Danbury Police Headquarters and recorded by both video and audio. During this the course of the interview King was made aware that a criminal investigation was ongoing into a prostitution ring and that he may be involved in this enterprise. During this interview Robert King acknowledged that he knew Victim #1, Victim #2, Victim #3 and Victim #4. Further he acknowledged that he was aware that all for had mental or psychiatric disabilities. Robert King stated during this interview that all four "boys" (King referred to the victims as boys when speaking) were involved in prostitution and that he "only" brought the boys to the "clients." King named two (2) men that he referred to as clients: William Trefzger of Westport and Bruce Bemer of Glastonbury. King stated that he has brought Victim #1, Victim #2, Victim #3 and Victim #4 to Bruce Bemer and received money in exchange. Approximately one and one half hours into this interview King stated that he wanted to speak with an attorney. The interview was terminated and Robert King was driven back to his residence.
- 7. That on 05 August 2016 the affiant and SA Suizdak interviewed Bruce Bemer at the company he owns "Bemer Propane" in Glastonbury, Connecticut. Bemer stated that he has known Robert King over twenty five years and that King has been bringing "boys" to Bemer for sex almost the entire time of 25 years (Bemer referred to the victims as boys during the interview). Bemer stated that he believes that over that period King has brought him eight (8) to ten (10) different boys for sex, most on multiple occasions. Bemer stated that he pays approximately two hundred to two hundred fifty dollars per occasion. Bemer stated that he pays the boys directly but knows they then pay King a portion of that. Bemer stated that he has been to King's residence for sex at times, other times King delivers the boys (who Bemer described as all in their early twenties) to hotels or Bemer's office. Bemer further stated that at times King has contacted him to "push" boys on him and Bemer has to turn King down as he "was not in the mood." Bemer also acknowledged that all or some of the boys King brought him for sex seemed to have mental issues. Bemer stated that he could not remember all the names of the boys but was able to name Victim # 1, who he stated was "really off", Victim # 3 and Victim # 4 (who he stated he no longer used because "he got to old") as boys he had sex with over the years.

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1. That the affiant Dan Trompetta, is now and has been a regular member of the Danbury Police Department since 23 November 1982. The affiant is presently assigned to the Detective Bureau of the Danbury Police Department and has been since 10 February 1986 the affiant is presently assigned to the Major Crime Unit of the Detective Bureau. The affiant has participated in the investigation of

Affidavit

The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

the Major Crime Unit of the Detective Bureau. The affiant has participated in the investigation of various types of criminal activity, including but not limited to; robbery, assault, sexual assault, burglary, violations of the narcotics statutes and homicide that have resulted in arrest and conviction.

2. That on or around January 14, 2016, the affiant and FBI Special Agent Kurt Siuzdak, began an investigation upon a complaint reported by State of Connecticut Court Support Services Department, Office of Adult Probation. That the Probation Officer reported that she had received information involving a prostitution ring that involved the sexual exploitation of mentally disabled persons in the area of Danbury, Connecticut. The Probation Officer advised that she learned in her capacity as a probation officer that a mentally disabled young adult male, hereinafter referred to as Victim #1, who was currently on probation, was involved in sex trafficking and prostitution. Victim #1 is an adult male who has been diagnosed with schizophrenia and paranoia.

The Probation Officer stated that two individuals, ROBERT KING, Age 50, born October 15, 1965, residing at 42 Miry Brook Road, #37, Danbury, CT, and WILLIAM TREFZGER, age 72, born July 7, 1944, residing at 99 Greens Farms Road, Westport, CT were operating the prostitution ring. According to the Probation Officer, Trefzger, a convicted sexual offender, paid Victim #1, a mentally disabled person, with money, drugs, and access to vehicles for sexual services during 2014 - 2015. That the affiant has received current information that Trefzger continues to contact Victim #1.

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- 3. That during the course of this investigation, the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak, have identified approximately fifteen (15) males that have been or are being utilized by Robert "Bob" King in the capacity of prostitutes. In this affidavit they will be referred to as "Victim" followed by a number. That a majority of the victims suffer from psychological disorders and have significant mental health needs. Two of the victims, in addition to having been diagnosed with and treated for severe psychological disorders, have conservators appointed by the Connecticut Probate Courts. The identity of all of the males referred to in this affidavit as victims are known to the affiant, SA Siuzdak and members of the Danbury State's Attorney's Office.
- 4. That through the course of the investigation the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak, learned that Victim # 1 and Victim # 2 were both treated and cared for at the State of Connecticut's Department of Developmental Services, Western Connecticut Mental Health Network (WCMHN) and resided at Ability Beyond, 19 Cleveland Street, Danbury, CT, a residential housing and care facility for individuals with significant mental health needs and psychological disorders. That Victim #1 resided at Cleveland Street from 2012 through December 2014. That Victim # 2 resided at Cleveland Street from April 2014 February 2016. That Victim # 1 and 2 would of resided at the Cleveland Street address at the same time for approximately 8 months from April 2014 through December 2014.
- 5. That through the course of the investigation and witness interviews, the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak learned that King operated a prostitution business that primarily involved himself, William Trefzger, Bruce Bemer and others known and unknown to the investigators. That King would identify young males with apparent mental health needs and disorders, then befriend them with promises of work, money, and necessities. That King would then provide the males with drugs and build a debt that the male owed to King. King would then introduce the male to Trefzger and Bemer, unbeknownst to the victims, for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity in exchange for money. King would then collect the drug debt owed as well as a portion of the money provided for the sex act. That during the course of this scheme, King had no other significant source of income until recently, March 2016, when he by his own statements began receiving Social Security Disability (SSD).
- 6. That because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a criminal complaint and arrest warrant the affiant has not included each and every fact regarding this investigation of which the affiant is aware. Rather, the affiant has set forth only the facts necessary to establish probable cause to believe that Bruce Bemer has violated Connecticut General Statute 53a-83(c)(2)(A) (Patronizing trafficked person = felony).
- 7. That on 05 August 2016 during the execution of a search warrant for Robert King's residence, a mobile home, located at 42 Miry Brook Road in Danbury, Connecticut, King was asked if he would consent to be interviewed. King said he would, he was told that he was not under arrest and could end the interview at any time. King was also advised that at the conclusion of the interview he would be

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going home. This interview was conducted by the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak at Danbury Police Headquarters and recorded by both video and audio. During the course of the interview King was made aware that a criminal investigation was ongoing into a prostitution ring and that he may be involved in this enterprise. During this interview Robert King acknowledged that he knew Victim #1, Victim # 2, Victim # 3 and Victim # 4. Further, he acknowledged that he was aware that all of these males had mental or psychiatric disabilities. Robert King stated during this interview that all four victims were involved in prostitution and that he "only" brought the "boys" to the "clients." King named two (2) men that he referred to as clients: William Trefzger of Westport and Bruce Bemer of Glastonbury. King stated that he has brought Victim # 1, Victim # 2, Victim # 3 and Victim # 4 to Bruce Bemer and that they received money in exchange for sexual acts. Approximately one and one half hours into this interview King stated that he wanted to speak with an attorney. The interview was terminated and Robert King was driven back to his residence.

8. That on 05 August 2016 the affiant and SA Siuzdak interviewed Bruce Bemer at his propane company, "Bemers",210 Commerce Street Glastonbury, Connecticut. Bemer stated that he has known Robert King for 20 to 25 years and that for that time period King has been arranging for younger adult males to have sex with Berner for money. That Berner referred to the victims as kids and boys during the interview, then stated that all were young adults. Bemer stated that he believes that over the 20 -25 year period King has brought him eight (8) to ten (10) different boys for sex, most on multiple occasions. Bemer stated that he pays approximately \$200.00 to \$250.00 per occasion. Bemer stated that he pays the boys directly but knows they then pay King a portion of the money. Bemer stated that he has been to King's residence for sex, other times King delivers the boys (who Berner described as all in their early twenties) to hotels or Berner's office. Berner further stated that at times King has contacted him to "push" boys on him and Berner has to turn King down as he "was not in the mood." Berner also acknowledged that all or some of the boys names of the boys but was able to name Victim # 1, who he stated was "really off" and acknowledged having sex with eight or ten of these boys. The last time being during the winter of 2015/2016 and that was with Victim # 3. Bemer stated regarding Victim # 4 that he no longer had sex with him because "he got to old", as some of the other males King had arranged for him to have sex with over the years. Bemer also stated that the last boy he had sex with that King brought him was about four (4) months ago and that was victim # 3.

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- 9. That on 20 September 2016, the affiant and FBI Special Agent Siuzdak met with Attorney Ned Barron at Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH). Attorney Barron is a State of Connecticut appointed Conservator for Victim # 1 who was an inpatient resident of CVH. Victim # 1, suffers from severe mental disorders and mental health issues causing him to be incapable of living independently. Victim # 1 stated in part; that he felt a strong relationship with Bill Trefzger and also Bob King. Victim # 1 stated that he speaks with Trefzger often by phone and that he was aware King is in jail.
- 10. That Victim #1 stated that he has known Bob King for about 2 or 2/12 years and met King when he (Victim #1) was searching dumpsters for bottles. King approached him, struck up conversation with him and befriended him. King offered Victim # 1 a place to hang around, make some money by cutting his grass and work around King's mobile home. Victim # 1 stated that he never lived with King because he had a place to live at "Abilities Beyond" on Cleveland Street in Danbury. Victim # 1 stated he would, however, hang out at King's mobile home and smoke cigarettes, play guitar and use drugs. Victim # 1 stated shortly after meeting/ hanging around with King, he was introduced by King to Bruce Berner. Victim # 1 stated that King brought him to see Berner. Victim # 1 stated that Berner took him to his private garage which he said was to the left of Berner's Propane Company. Victim # 1 stated that Berner showed him his collection of old cars and motor cycles in the garage. Victim # 1 stated that he knew Bemer had a helicopter and wanted Bemer to "take him for a ride" but it never happened. That the affiant was able to corroborate that Bemer maintains a collection of old cars and motorcycles in a garage at Bemer Propane as well as has access to a helicopter.
- 11. That Victim #1 was asked if he and Bemer ever had sex, he got quiet and said no sex, he stated that he never had "sex" with Bemer or Trefzger but later in the interview clarified that "sex" was by his definition of being between a man and a woman only, but that others would call the activity he engaged in with Bemer and Trefzger sex. Victim # 1 would not provide further specifics of the sexual
- 12. That as the interview continued Victim # 1 stated that King also introduced him to Bill (Trefzger) and that he would sometimes stay overnight at Trefzger's house in Westport after being brought from Danbury by King. Victim # 1 was again asked if he ever had sex with Trefzger or was paid for sex by Trefzger, he stated "no sex." Victim # 1 was asked what his definition of sex was, he stated that when a male and a female have sex. Moments later Victim # 1 said "a person can have sex with whoever they want." Victim # 1 stated "I only like girls I'm not gay". Victim # 1 was adamant that he never engaged in "sex" with a man. Victim # 1 was then told that Trefzger was recently interviewed by SA Siuzdak and Westport Police Detectives and during the interview Trefzger stated he had paid for and had sexual relations with Victim # 1. Victim # 1 was shown the video of the Trefzger interview, but immediately asked that it be stopped. Victim # 1 stated he was not gay. Victim # 1 had acknowledged

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that he was using cocaine frequently and that combined with being broke and his mental state might have allowed people to do things to him that he would not normally do. Victim # 1 was asked if he was aware that Trefzger was arrested for sexually assault of a boy; Victim # 1 said "Bill told me he got in trouble because he grabbed a "gook by the balls."

- 13. That Victim #1 stated King would often get cocaine for him, and he could pay King back later, but he would often fall into debt with King. When asked about sex for money, he then stated "we're not gay." Victim # 1 then stated "you can have sex with anyone you want, they never paid me, they just gave me money". Victim # 1 further stated that Bemer would pay him \$200.00 after each sexual encounter and then he paid King \$50.00.
- 14. That Victim #1 stated that he saw Bemer in Bemer's office at the propane company near Hartford, CT. Victim # 1 described Bemer's office, the brown couch in the office and the lobby. Victim # 1 stated he also met Berner at the Motorcycle Shop and the Speedbowl; both locations owned_by Berner. King drove Victim # 1 to meet with Bemer when they went to the Speedbowl, the hotel, and Bemer's Motorcycle Shop. Victim # 1 agreed that he met with Berner 15 to 20 times. Victim # 1 stated he did not have sex with Bemer but acknowledged Bemer had obtained sexual gratification with him. Victim # 1 then received money from Berner, and afterwards Victim # 1 paid King a portion of the money received. Victim # 1 stated that after several months of seeing Bemer, Bemer just stopped "giving him money." Victim #1 stated that even after Bemer stopped paying him for sex acts, Victim #1 still saw Berner occasionally, he recalled riding to the hotel with King and Victim # 6 and waiting in the car while Victim # 6 went up to the room with Bemer. Victim # 1 stated that after Victim # 6 came back from the room, King took Victim # 1 and Victim # 6 to get cocaine.
- 15. That Victim # 1 was asked if he had the same type of arrangement with Bill Trefzger. Victim # 1 stated that there was sexual activity with Trefzger as well. Trefzger also provided Victim # 1 with money. Trefzger would buy him things and help Victim # 1 with his car. Victim # 1 stated he was good friends with Trefzger, however, Victim # 1 also gave King a portion of the money each time Victim # 1
- 16. That the affiant, and Special Agent Siuzdak interviewed a health care provider (Provider) for Victim #2. The Provider stated that in or around November 2015, Victim # 2 disclosed that he was participating in prostitution with Robert King, while residing at the group home. The sexual encounters occurred in Robert King's mobile home in Danbury near the Mall.. Victim # 2 told the Provider he was paid between \$50.00 and \$60.00 per sexual encounter. Victim # 2 disclosed that he paid King for illegal narcotics. Victim # 2 disclosed to the Provider that Victim # 2 was also having sex with businessmen and older men within Robert King's trailer home. Victim # 2 told the Provider that he would sometimes not use protection while he had sex. Victim # 2 also disclosed to the Provider that he

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was embarrassed and concerned people would believe he was homosexual. Victim # 2 refused the Provider's request to have an HIV test.

- 17. That the Provider, confirmed that other staff members at the group home observed that Victim # 2 was frequently absent from the group home at night. Victim # 2 told the Provider that another individual from the group home, was also involved in the prostitution ring. The provider believed the other individual was in fact Victim # 1 because the Provider was aware Victim# 1 lived for two weeks at Trefzger's home and was observed by the staff to possess approximately \$1,000.00 of unexplained cash. Victim # 1 only received \$10.00 per week of spending money from his conservator. A public records search revealed Victim #1 had a 1995 Volkswagen Jetta and a 1997 Subaru Impreza registered in his name.
- 18. That Victim # 2 also told the Provider that King had threatened to kill him if he told about the incidents or linked King to this ring. Victim # 2 reported that he was "traumatized" as a result of these incidents.
- 19. That Victim # 2, was interviewed by the affiant and Special Agent Kurt Siuzdak on 27 September 2016. That during this interview Victim # 2 stated in part that: That he has severe psychological disorders and has been hospitalized on numerous occasions. He indicated that he is prescribed medication, but does not always stay on it, and has lived in group homes, including "Abilities Beyond" at 19 Cleveland Street in Danbury. Victim # 2 stated that he knows Robert King and advised that King befriends young men with mental health issues and gives them drugs to the point that they go into debt with King. Victim #2 then stated that King then offers a way out of debt by arranging for the young men to exchange sexual encounters for money with older men, including Bemer and Trefzger. Victim # 2 stated "I don't do that anymore."
- 20. That Victim # 2 stated that he met King through his friend Victim # 1 when they were both living at Abilities Beyond. Victim # 2 stated that King recognized that Victim # 2, when high on cocaine, would do whatever was asked of him to stay high. Victim # 2 stated that he knew King only a short time before King introduced him to Bruce Bemer. Victim # 2 stated King would give him cocaine then bring him to Bruce Bemer's office, which he described in detail, for sex with Bruce Bemer. Victim # 2 stated he would be paid \$200.00 and he would in turn pay half of that to King. Victim # 2 stated he was only involved in this activity with King for a few months and in that time he was brought by King to Bruce Berner twice for sex for money, and once to a "Bruce" L/N/U from the Westport, Connecticut area. Victim # 2, stated this person paid him \$150.00 for sex and from that money he paid King \$40.00 for cocaine that King gave him prior to the sex act and \$70.00 for delivery of him to "Bruce." Victim # 2 stated that "Bruce" threatened to hurt him if he told anyone about the encounter. Victim # 2 stated he would never have been able to do these things for King without the cocaine. Victim # 2 stated that he

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still needs therapy regarding this period of his life.

- 21. That during the course of this investigation, the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak, in addition to interviews of Victim # 1 and Victim # 2; Conducted interviews of Victim # 3, Victim # 4, Victim # 5 and Victim # 6 and learned that Victim # 13 and Victim # 15 are deceased. Victims # 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 were identified as past participants in this prostitution ring, by statements of victims interviewed and by Robert King.
- 22. That Victim #3, stated that he has known "Bob" King for about five (5) to six (6) years. Victim #3 states that he is now 26 years old and suffers from mental health issues including depression and anxiety. King approached him and they became friends. Victim # 3 stated that King got him using drugs, specifically heroin, to a point that he became financially in debt to King for the drugs. About two (2) months into the friendship King suggested a way that Victim # 3 could make money to pay him back. King then introduced Victim # 3 to Bruce Berner by actually delivering Victim # 3 from Danbury area to Bemer's office. Victim # 3 was able to accurately describe the outside, main entrance of "Bemer Propane" and Bruce Bemer's office. Victim # 3 stated that he has been delivered to Bemer at least twenty (20) times. Ten (10) of which were in Bemer's office. Other locations Victim # 3 has had sex with Bruce Bemer for money are Bemer's office at "New England Motor Sports" in Hartford, Connecticut (another of Bruce Bemer's companies) and a hotel near Brainard airport. Victim # 3 stated that several times King would deliver him to Bemer at the "Waterford Speed Bowl" (a race track owned by Bemer). Victim # 3 stated that Bemer would then drive him back to the office at "Bemer's propane" which was 40 minutes to an hour away. Victim # 3 stated that Bemer would drive him from the "Speed Bowl" for sex to "Bemer's propane" in one of two (2) cars; he described a Ferrari and a Dodge Challanger Hell Cat as the cars he has been transported in for sex. Victim # 3 stated that after having sex with Bemer in the office, Bemer would pay Victim # 3, who would then pay a portion of the money to King. Victim # 3 stated that he is "not gay" and the only reasons he got involved in this prostitution are his psychiatric issues, King providing him with an abundance of heroin, and the debt he owed to King because of the drug use.
- 23. That Victim # 4 stated, in part, that he is now 36 years old and has been diagnosed Bipolar and has other psychiatric issues. Victim # 4 stated that he has known Robert King since 2002 when King befriended him. Shortly thereafter, according to Victim # 4 King, recognizing Victim # 4 psychiatric status, lured Victim # 4 into prostitution using drugs, money, and other mental coercion. Victim # 4 stated that he had been working in that capacity for King until about 2014. Victim # 4 also identified approximately six men that he referred to as "clients" including Bruce Bemer and William Trefzger. Victim # 4 specifically stated that he had to allow Bemer to perform fellatio upon him to receive money. Victim # 4 stated that King would make all the arrangements for sexual meets with the "clients" and

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that King would always drive from Danbury to the client. That Victim # 4 stated that the client would pay for the sexual encounter and that Victim # 4 had to then pay King approximately one third of the monies received from the client plus pay off any debt King tabulated from providing drugs to Victim # 4.

- 24. That Victim #4 further detailed an incident on January 1, 2016 where he overdosed on narcotics while with King. That Torrington police officers responded to an emergency services request in the parking lot of the Subway restaurant located at 847 East Main Street in Torrington. The Subway restaurant is approximately 45 miles from King's mobile home and 200 feet from the group home where Victim #1 was residing. That Victim #4 stated that he left the Danbury area with King to meet Victim #1 at the group home in Torrington. That on the way, they stopped in Waterbury to purchase narcotics. That, Victim #4 injected the substance immediately and began to overdose. That, King continued driving from the 7/11 location in Waterbury to a parking lot 200 feet from Victim #1's group home in Torrington before seeking assistance. That King was aware that Victim #4 had injected narcotics. That said action by King demonstrated an extreme indifference to Victim #4's life and resulted in the near death and overnight hospitalization of Victim #4 to regain consciousness.
- 25. That Victim # 5 stated in part that he has know Bob King for approximately 20 years and had a drug problem when he met King. Victim # 5 further stated that soon after he met King the problem got worse. According to Victim # 5, King would lend him money for drugs then "offer" him a way to make money to pay him back "a gay hustle"; King explained that he had male friends that would pay for sex. According to Victim # 5, the first time he participated in this activity, King took him to meet Bruce Berner. Victim # 5 stated that over the years King has arranged for him to "see" Berner 50 to 100 times, Berner would pay him directly \$250.00, and Victim # 5 would then pay King about \$50.00. Victim # 5 also named several other males that King introduced him to for the purpose of exchanging sex for money. Victim # 5, identified locations he was brought to by King for sexual activities with Bruce Berner: the office at Berner's propane company, the office at Berner's motor cycle shop in Hartford, a Days Inn in Hartford off I-91, and once at Berner's home about 8-10 years ago. Victim # 5 stated that about 80% of this activity took place in the office of the propane company.
- 26. That during the course of this investigation the investigator learned that Victim # 13 developed and had a drug addiction, like many of the other victims, and was also utilized by Robert King for the purpose of prostitution. Further, that Victim # 13 was killed in a car crash during a police chase in August of 2009. During the execution of a search and seizure warrant at Robert King's residence on 05 August 2016, a "Shrine" to victim # 13 was located in the residence. Also located was a Connecticut Department of Correction identification card with Victim # 13's photograph and with that was a hand written note dated 02/13/08 that read:

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"I was doing my aids test. Some of the questions were about sex for drugs sex with men for rent. Whatever. I felt so angry at Bob at myself guilty ashamed and discusted [sic]. What hapend[sic] was an act of survival I was minibilated [sic]and taken advantage of It wasn't my falt [sic] It wasn't my falt [sic] I wasn't my falt [sic] I love my self for who I am and were [sic] I am going".

Robert King and Victim # 4 both stated they believe that Victim # 13's crash was intentional and suicide.

27. That on 13 August 2016, Robert King was arrested by warrant charging him with Promoting Prostitution and Witness Tampering based his actions following the execution of the search warrant at his residence and his own admissions. Those charges are not being duplicated in this application. At Danbury Police Headquarters he was advised of his Miranda warning which he stated he understood. King was interviewed by the affiant and Detective Craig Martin. During this interview Robert King acknowledged knowing all the victims and that he was aware that most if not all had some type of psychological illness. King stated "My crime is trying to help people" I'm just a gay guy trying to help people". King further acknowledged that he delivers young men to other men for sex, he stated "I didn't know I was_causing any harm". King stated he was friends with most of the men he was delivering the young men to, except "Jason" L/K/Ū from Massachusetts. King was told that Bruce Bemer had informed investigators that King had been delivering "boys" to him for about 25 years. King nodded and said "Yeah through my addictions and all". Further, King was told that Bemer stated that over the years King had delivered 15 to 20 different boys to him. King stated that he "didn't make any huge profits." King named additional clients and also stated that Bruce Bemer did meet all the young men identified in this investigation through him.

28. That FBI Special Agent Siuzdak interviewed William "Bill" Trefzger on 01 September 2016 at the Westport Police Headquarters, this was a voluntary interview and Trefzger was not in custody. During this interview Trefzger admitted to knowing Robert King, Victims # 1, 4, 5 and 6. Trefzger also stated that he knew that Victim # 1 had mental problems that caused hospitalization. Trefzger stated that he has known Victim # 4 for four to five years and Victim # 1 about three years. During the interview Trefzger was asked if he ever had sex with these men for money. Trefzger, at first denied having sex with any of these men. He then asked "Is jerking off sex"? Trefsger stated that they "jerk each other off" and he pays \$50.00 for that. Trefzger also talked about a prior sexual assault arrest and conviction involving a young "Chinese boy." Trefzger stated King would bring these boys to his house for odd jobs then the sexual acts would take place. Trezger stated that he also "slept with" Victims # 1 and 4. Trefzger was unable to actually recall the number of times he had sexual relations with each, but at one point he stated he had been with Victim # 4 three to four times a year for a couple of years and Victim # 1 four to five times in total.

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- 29. That on 02 September 2016, a search and seizure warrant was executed at Bemer's (Propane) at 210 Commerce Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut. This search was conducted to locate and seize corroborative evidence of Promoting Prostitution, Patronizing a Prostitute, Sexual Assault and Conspiracy charges. Numerous items were seized and forwarded to the Connecticut State Forensic Laboratory for examination.
- 30. That the affiant and FBI Special Agent Siuzdak believe that Robert King, going back approximately 20 years, has sought out young men with varying degrees of psychological disabilities for the purpose of using these individuals for prostitution. That King would fraudulently befriend these young males, offer them work, money, food and other fake inducements, exploit their weakness' which was often times drug based, and provide them with illegal drugs to the point they were financially indebted to him, then arrange for them to trade sex for money to pay off the debt they owed_to King. The young males would then have to pay Robert King for arranging this encounter in addition to the monies for the drugs he had previously provided to them.
- 31. That the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak believe that a Criminal Conspiracy exists between Robert King, William Trefzger, and Bruce Bemer based on the statements of Robert King, William Trefzger, and Bruce Bemer. That there was an agreement between King and Trefzger and King and Bemer, that Robert King would recruit young males and deliver them to Bemer and Trefzger for the purpose of prostitution. That the agreement between the parties furthered the overall conspiracy. That the overt Acts of this conspiracy was that Robert King did in fact recruit victims Victims # 1, 2, 3 and 4 and did deliver them by car from Danbury to Bruce Bemer and/or William Trefzger and others for the purpose of prostitution. Further, that supplying the victims with or aiding them with obtaining illegal drugs that helped these young males perform said acts of prostitution is further evidence of the overt acts made in furtherance of this conspiracy.
- 32. That the KING did compel and induce Victim # 1, Victim # 2, and others, to meet with TREFZGER and BEMER under the guise that the men will simply give them money or engage in other innocuous activities which was untrue and the Victim's were in fact required to submit to sexual acts in exchange for money so that KING would continue to provide them addictive substances and to provide significant portions of the money to KING on demand.
- 33. That the affiant believes that based on the facts of this investigation, statements provided to law enforcement, that there is probable cause to believe that Robert King, Bruce Bemer, William Trefzger have committed acts in violation of Connecticut General Statutes.

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- 3. That during the course of this investigation, the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak, have identified approximately fifteen (15) males that have been or are being utilized by Robert "Bob" King in the capacity of prostitutes. In this affidavit they will be referred to as "Victim" followed by a number. That a majority of the victims suffer from psychological disorders and have significant mental health needs. Two of the victims, in addition to having been diagnosed with and treated for severe psychological disorders, have conservators appointed by the Connecticut Probate Courts. The identity of all of the males referred to in this affidavit as victims are known to the affiant, SA Siuzdak and members of the Danbury State's Attorney's Office.
- 4. That through the course of the investigation the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak, learned that Victim # 1 and Victim # 2 were both treated and cared for at the State of Connecticut's Department of Developmental Services, Western Connecticut Mental Health Network (WCMHN) and resided at Ability Beyond, 19 Cleveland Street, Danbury, CT, a residential housing and care facility for individuals with significant mental health needs and psychological disorders. That Victim #1resided at Cleveland Street from 2012 through December 2014. That Victim # 2 resided at Cleveland Street from April 2014 February 2016. That Victim # 1 and 2 would of resided at the Cleveland Street address at the same time for approximately 8 months from April 2014 through December 2014.
- 5. That through the course of the investigation and witness interviews, the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak learned that King operated a prostitution business that primarily involved himself, William Trefzger, Bruce Bemer and others known and unknown to the investigators. That King would identify young males with apparent mental health needs and disorders, then befriend them with promises of work, money, and necessities. That King would then provide the males with drugs and build a debt that the male owed to King. King would then introduce the male to Trefzger and Bemer, unbeknownst to the victims, for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity in exchange for money. King would then collect the drug debt owed as well as a portion of the money provided for the sex act. That during the course of this scheme, King had no other significant source of income until recently, March 2016, when he by his own statements began receiving Social Security Disability (SSD).
- 6. That because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a criminal complaint and arrest warrant the affiant has not included each and every fact regarding this investigation of which the affiant is aware. Rather, the affiant has set forth only the facts necessary to establish probable cause to believe that William Trefzger has violated Connecticut General Statute 53a-83(c)(2)(A) (Patronizing trafficked person = felony).
- 7. That on 05 August 2016 during the execution of a search warrant for Robert King's residence, a mobile home, located at 42 Miry Brook Road in Danbury, Connecticut, King was asked if he would consent to be interviewed. King said he would, he was told that he was not under arrest and could end the interview at any time. King was also advised that at the conclusion of the interview he would be

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going home. This interview was conducted by the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak at Danbury Police Headquarters and recorded by both video and audio. During the course of the interview King was made aware that a criminal investigation was ongoing into a prostitution ring and that he may be involved in this enterprise. During this interview Robert King acknowledged that he knew Victim #1, Victim #2, Victim #3 and Victim #4. Further, he acknowledged that he was aware that all of these males had mental or psychiatric disabilities. Robert King stated during this interview that all four victims were involved in prostitution and that he "only" brought the "boys" to the "clients." King named two (2) men that he referred to as clients: William Trefzger of Westport and Bruce Bemer of Glastonbury. King stated that he has brought Victim #1, Victim #2, Victim #3 and Victim #4 to Bruce Bemer and that they received money in exchange for sexual acts. Approximately one and one half hours into this interview King stated that he wanted to speak with an attorney. The interview was terminated and Robert King was driven back to his residence.

8. That on 05 August 2016 the affiant and SA Siuzdak interviewed Bruce Bemer at his propane company, "Bemers",210 Commerce Street Glastonbury, Connecticut. Bemer stated that he has known Robert King for 20 to 25 years and that for that time period King has been arranging for younger adult males to have sex with Bemer for money. That Bemer referred to the victims as kids and boys during the interview, then stated that all were young adults. Bemer stated that he believes that over the 20 -25 year period King has brought him eight (8) to ten (10) different boys for sex, most on multiple occasions. Bemer stated that he pays approximately \$200.00 to \$250.00 per occasion. Bemer stated that he pays the boys directly but knows they then pay King a portion of the money. Bemer stated that he has been to King's residence for sex, other times King delivers the boys (who Bemer described as all in their early twenties) to hotels or Bemer's office. Bemer further stated that at times King has contacted him to "push" boys on him and Bemer has to turn King down as he "was not in the mood." Bemer also acknowledged that all or some of the boys names of the boys but was able to name Victim # 1, who he stated was "really off" and acknowledged having sex with eight or ten of these boys. The last time being during the winter of 2015/2016 and that was with Victim # 3. Berner stated regarding Victim # 4 that he no longer had sex with him because "he got to old", as some of the other males King had arranged for him to have sex with over the years. Bemer also stated that the last boy he had sex with that King brought him was about four (4) months ago and that was victim #3.

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- 9. That on 20 September 2016, the affiant and FBI Special Agent Siuzdak met with Attorney Ned Barron at Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH). Attorney Barron is a State of Connecticut appointed Conservator for Victim # 1 who was an inpatient resident of CVH. Victim # 1, suffers from severe mental disorders and mental health issues causing him to be incapable of living independently. Victim # 1 stated in part; that he felt a strong relationship with Bill Trefzger and also Bob King. Victim # 1 stated that he speaks with Trefzger often by phone and that he was aware King is in jail.
- 10. That Victim #1 stated that he has known Bob King for about 2 or 2/12 years and met King when he (Victim #1) was searching dumpsters for bottles. King approached him, struck up conversation with him and befriended him. King offered Victim #1 a place to hang around, make some money by cutting his grass and work around King's mobile home. Victim #1 stated that he never lived with King because he had a place to live at "Abilities Beyond" on Cleveland Street in Danbury. Victim #1 stated he would, however, hang out at King's mobile home and smoke cigarettes, play guitar and use drugs. Victim #1 stated shortly after meeting/ hanging around with King, he was introduced by King to Bruce Bemer. Victim #1 stated that King brought him to see Bemer. Victim #1 stated that Bemer took him to his private garage which he said was to the left of Bemer's Propane Company. Victim #1 stated that Bemer showed him his collection of old cars and motor cycles in the garage. Victim #1 stated that he knew Bemer had a helicopter and wanted Bemer to "take him for a ride" but it never happened. That the affiant was able to corroborate that Bemer maintains a collection of old cars and motorcycles in a garage at Bemer Propane as well as has access to a helicopter.
- 11. That Victim # 1 was asked if he and Bemer ever had sex, he got quiet and said no sex, he stated that he never had "sex" with Bemer or Trefzger but later in the interview clarified that "sex" was by his definition of being between a man and a woman only, but that others would call the activity he engaged in with Bemer and Trefzger sex. Victim # 1 would not provide further specifics of the sexual encounters.
- 12. That as the interview continued Victim # 1 stated that King also introduced him to Bill (Trefzger) and that he would sometimes stay overnight at Trefzger's house in Westport after being brought from Danbury by King. Victim # 1 was again asked if he ever had sex with Trefzger or was paid for sex by Trefzger, he stated "no sex." Victim # 1 was asked what his definition of sex was, he stated that when a male and a female have sex. Moments later Victim # 1 said "a person can have sex with whoever they want." Victim # 1 stated "I only like girls I'm not gay". Victim # 1 was adamant that he never engaged in "sex" with a man. Victim # 1 was then told that Trefzger was recently interviewed by SA Siuzdak and Westport Police Detectives and during the interview Trefzger stated he had paid for and had sexual relations with Victim # 1. Victim # 1 was shown the video of the Trefzger interview, but immediately asked that it be stopped. Victim # 1 stated he was not gay. Victim # 1 had acknowledged

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that he was using cocaine frequently and that combined with being broke and his mental state might have allowed people to do things to him that he would not normally do. Victim # 1 was asked if he was aware that Trefzger was arrested for sexually assault of a boy; Victim # 1 said "Bill told me he got in trouble because he grabbed a "gook by the balls."

- 13. That Victim # 1 stated King would often get cocaine for him, and he could pay King back later, but he would often fall into debt with King. When asked about sex for money, he then stated "we're not gay." Victim # 1 then stated "you can have sex with anyone you want, they never paid me, they just gave me money". Victim # 1 further stated that Bemer would pay him \$200.00 after each sexual encounter and then he paid King \$50.00.
- 14. That Victim # 1 stated that he saw Bemer in Bemer's office at the propane company near Hartford, CT. Victim # 1 described Bemer's office, the brown couch in the office and the lobby. Victim # 1 stated he also met Bemer at the Motorcycle Shop and the Speedbowl; both locations owned_by Bemer. King drove Victim # 1 to meet with Bemer when they went to the Speedbowl, the hotel, and Bemer's Motorcycle Shop. Victim # 1 agreed that he met with Bemer 15 to 20 times. Victim # 1 stated he did not have sex with Bemer but acknowledged Bemer had obtained sexual gratification with him. Victim # 1 then received money from Bemer, and afterwards Victim # 1 paid King a portion of the money received. Victim # 1 stated that after several months of seeing Bemer, Bemer just stopped "giving him money." Victim # 1 stated that even after Bemer stopped paying him for sex acts, Victim # 1 still saw Bemer occasionally, he recalled riding to the hotel with King and Victim # 6 and waiting in the car while Victim # 6 went up to the room with Bemer. Victim # 1 stated that after Victim # 6 came back from the room, King took Victim # 1 and Victim # 6 to get cocaine.
- 15. That Victim # 1 was asked if he had the same type of arrangement with Bill Trefzger. Victim # 1 stated that there was sexual activity with Trefzger as well. Trefzger also provided Victim # 1 with money. Trefzger would buy him things and help Victim # 1 with his car. Victim # 1 stated he was good friends with Trefzger, however, Victim # 1 also gave King a portion of the money each time Victim # 1 met with Trefzger.
- 16. That the affiant, and Special Agent Siuzdak interviewed a health care provider (Provider) for Victim #2. The Provider stated that in or around November 2015, Victim #2 disclosed that he was participating in prostitution with Robert King, while residing at the group home. The sexual encounters occurred in Robert King's mobile home in Danbury near the Mall.. Victim #2 told the Provider he was paid between \$50.00 and \$60.00 per sexual encounter. Victim #2 disclosed that he paid King for illegal narcotics. Victim #2 disclosed to the Provider that Victim #2 was also having sex with businessmen and older men within Robert King's trailer home. Victim #2 told the Provider that he would sometimes not use protection while he had sex. Victim #2 also disclosed to the Provider that he

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was embarrassed and concerned people would believe he was homosexual. Victim # 2 refused the Provider's request to have an HIV test.

- 17. That the Provider, confirmed that other staff members at the group home observed that Victim # 2 was frequently absent from the group home at night. Victim # 2 told the Provider that another individual from the group home, was also involved in the prostitution ring. The provider believed the other individual was in fact Victim # 1 because the Provider was aware Victim# 1 lived for two weeks at Trefzger's home and was observed by the staff to possess approximately \$1,000.00 of unexplained cash. Victim # 1 only received \$10.00 per week of spending money from his conservator. A public records search revealed Victim #1 had a 1995 Volkswagen Jetta and a 1997 Subaru Impreza registered in his name.
- 18. That Victim # 2 also told the Provider that King had threatened to kill him if he told about the incidents or linked King to this ring. Victim # 2 reported that he was "traumatized" as a result of these
- 19. That Victim # 2, was interviewed by the affiant and Special Agent Kurt Siuzdak on 27 September 2016. That during this interview Victim # 2 stated in part that: That he has severe psychological disorders and has been hospitalized on numerous occasions. He indicated that he is prescribed medication, but does not always stay on it, and has lived in group homes, including "Abilities Beyond" at 19 Cleveland Street in Danbury. Victim # 2 stated that he knows Robert King and advised that King befriends young men with mental health issues and gives them drugs to the point that they go into debt with King. Victim #2 then stated that King then offers a way out of debt by arranging for the young men to exchange sexual encounters for money with older men, including Bemer and Trefzger. Victim # 2 stated "I don't do that anymore."
- 20. That Victim # 2 stated that he met King through his friend Victim # 1 when they were both living at Abilities Beyond. Victim # 2 stated that King recognized that Victim # 2, when high on cocaine, would do whatever was asked of him to stay high. Victim # 2 stated that he knew King only a short time before King introduced him to Bruce Bemer. Victim # 2 stated King would give him cocaine then bring him to Bruce Bemer's office, which he described in detail, for sex with Bruce Bemer. Victim # 2 stated he would be paid \$200.00 and he would in turn pay half of that to King. Victim # 2 stated he was only involved in this activity with King for a few months and in that time he was brought by King to Bruce Bemer twice for sex for money, and once to a "Bruce" L/N/U from the Westport, Connecticut area. Victim # 2, stated this person paid him \$150.00 for sex and from that money he paid King \$40.00 for cocaine that King gave him prior to the sex act and \$70.00 for delivery of him to "Bruce." Victim # 2 stated that "Bruce" threatened to hurt him if he told anyone about the encounter. Victim # 2 stated he would never have been able to do these things for King without the cocaine. Victim # 2 stated that he

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still needs therapy regarding this period of his life.

- 21. That during the course of this investigation, the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak, in addition to interviews of Victim # 1 and Victim # 2; Conducted interviews of Victim # 3, Victim # 4, Victim # 5 and Victim # 6 and learned that Victim # 13 and Victim # 15 are deceased. Victims # 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 were identified as past participants in this prostitution ring, by statements of victims interviewed and by Robert King.
- 22. That Victim # 3, stated that he has known "Bob" King for about five (5) to six (6) years. Victim # 3 states that he is now 26 years old and suffers from mental health issues including depression and anxiety. King approached him and they became friends. Victim # 3 stated that King got him using drugs, specifically heroin, to a point that he became financially in debt to King for the drugs. About two (2) months into the friendship King suggested a way that Victim # 3 could make money to pay him back. King then introduced Victim # 3 to Bruce Bemer by actually delivering Victim # 3 from Danbury area to Bemer's office. Victim # 3 was able to accurately describe the outside, main entrance of "Bemer Propane" and Bruce Bemer's office. Victim # 3 stated that he has been delivered to Bemer at least twenty (20) times. Ten (10) of which were in Berner's office. Other locations Victim # 3 has had sex with Bruce Bemer for money are Bemer's office at "New England Motor Sports" in Hartford, Connecticut (another of Bruce Bemer's companies) and a hotel near Brainard airport. Victim # 3 stated that several times King would deliver him to Bemer at the "Waterford Speed Bowl" (a race track owned by Berner). Victim # 3 stated that Berner would then drive him back to the office at "Berner's propane" which was 40 minutes to an hour away. Victim # 3 stated that Bemer would drive him from the "Speed Bowl" for sex to "Bemer's propane" in one of two (2) cars; he described a Ferrari and a Dodge Challanger Hell Cat as the cars he has been transported in for sex. Victim # 3 stated that after having sex with Bemer in the office, Bemer would pay Victim # 3, who would then pay a portion of the money to King. Victim # 3 stated that he is "not gay" and the only reasons he got involved in this prostitution are his psychiatric issues. King providing him with an abundance of heroin, and the debt he owed to King because of the drug use.
- 23. That Victim # 4 stated, in part, that he is now 36 years old and has been diagnosed Bipolar and has other psychiatric issues. Victim # 4 stated that he has known Robert King since 2002 when King befriended him. Shortly thereafter, according to Victim # 4 King, recognizing Victim # 4 psychiatric status, lured Victim # 4 into prostitution using drugs, money, and other mental coercion. Victim # 4 stated that he had been working in that capacity for King until about 2014. Victim # 4 also identified approximately six men that he referred to as "clients" including Bruce Bemer and William Trefzger. Victim # 4 specifically stated that he had to allow Bemer to perform fellatio upon him to receive money. Victim # 4 stated that King would make all the arrangements for sexual meets with the "clients" and

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that King would always drive from Danbury to the client. That Victim # 4 stated that the client would pay for the sexual encounter and that Victim # 4 had to then pay King approximately one third of the monies received from the client plus pay off any debt King tabulated from providing drugs to Victim # 4.

- 24. That Victim # 4 further detailed an incident on January 1, 2016 where he overdosed on narcotics while with King. That Torrington police officers responded to an emergency services request in the parking lot of the Subway restaurant located at 847 East Main Street in Torrington. The Subway restaurant is approximately 45 miles from King's mobile home and 200 feet from the group home where Victim #1 was residing. That Victim # 4 stated that he left the Danbury area with King to meet Victim # 1 at the group home in Torrington. That on the way, they stopped in Waterbury to purchase narcotics. That, Victim # 4 injected the substance immediately and began to overdose. That, King continued driving from the 7/11 location in Waterbury to a parking lot 200 feet from Victim # 1's group home in Torrington before seeking assistance. That King was aware that Victim # 4 had injected narcotics. That said action by King demonstrated an extreme indifference to Victim # 4's life and resulted in the near death and overnight hospitalization of Victim # 4 to regain consciousness.
- 25. That Victim # 5 stated in part that he has know Bob King for approximately 20 years and had a drug problem when he met King. Victim # 5 further stated that soon after he met King the problem got worse. According to Victim # 5, King would lend him money for drugs then "offer" him a way to make money to pay him back "a gay hustle"; King explained that he had male friends that would pay for sex. According to Victim # 5, the first time he participated in this activity, King took him to meet Bruce Bemer. Victim # 5 stated that over the years King has arranged for him to "see" Bemer 50 to 100 times, Bemer would pay him directly \$250.00, and Victim # 5 would then pay King about \$50.00. Victim # 5 also named several other males that King introduced him to for the purpose of exchanging sex for money. Victim # 5, identified locations he was brought to by King for sexual activities with Bruce Bemer: the office at Bemer's propane company, the office at Bemer's motor cycle shop in Hartford, a Days Inn in Hartford off I-91, and once at Bemer's home about 8-10 years ago. Victim # 5 stated that about 80% of this activity took place in the office of the propane company.
- 26. That during the course of this investigation the investigator learned that Victim # 13 developed and had a drug addiction, like many of the other victims, and was also utilized by Robert King for the purpose of prostitution. Further, that Victim # 13 was killed in a car crash during a police chase in August of 2009. During the execution of a search and seizure warrant at Robert King's residence on 05 August 2016, a "Shrine" to victim # 13 was located in the residence. Also located was a Connecticut Department of Correction identification card with Victim # 13's photograph and with that was a hand written note dated 02/13/08 that read:

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"I was doing my aids test. Some of the questions were about sex for drugs sex with men for rent. Whatever. I felt so angry at Bob at myself guilty ashamed and discusted [sic]. What hapend[sic] was an act of survival I was minibilated [sic]and taken advantage of It wasn't my falt [sic] It wasn't my falt [sic] I wasn't my falt [sic] I love my self for who I am and were [sic] I am going".

Robert King and Victim # 4 both stated they believe that Victim # 13's crash was intentional and suicide.

27. That on 13 August 2016, Robert King was arrested by warrant charging him with Promoting Prostitution and Witness Tampering based his actions following the execution of the search warrant at his residence and his own admissions. Those charges are not being duplicated in this application. At Danbury Police Headquarters he was advised of his Miranda warning which he stated he understood. King was interviewed by the affiant and Detective Craig Martin. During this interview Robert King acknowledged knowing all the victims and that he was aware that most if not all had some type of psychological illness. King stated "My crime is trying to help people" "I'm just a gay guy trying to help people". King further acknowledged that he delivers young men to other men for sex, he stated "I didn't know I was_causing any harm". King stated he was friends with most of the men he was delivering the young men to, except "Jason" L/K/U from Massachusetts. King was told that Bruce Bemer had informed investigators that King had been delivering "boys" to him for about 25 years. King nodded and said "Yeah through my addictions and all". Further, King was told that Bemer stated that over the years King had delivered 15 to 20 different boys to him. King stated that he "didn't make any huge profits." King named additional clients and also stated that Bruce Bemer did meet all the young men identified in this investigation through him.

28. That FBI Special Agent Siuzdak interviewed William "Bill" Trefzger on 01 September 2016 at the Westport Police Headquarters, this was a voluntary interview and Trefzger was not in custody. During this interview Trefzger admitted to knowing Robert King, Victims # 1, 4, 5 and 6. Trefzger also stated that he knew that Victim # 1 had mental problems that caused hospitalization. Trefzger stated that he has known Victim # 4 for four to five years and Victim # 1 about three years. During the interview Trefzger was asked if he ever had sex with these men for money. Trefzger, at first denied having sex with any of these men. He then asked "Is jerking off sex"? Trefsger stated that they "jerk each other off" and he pays \$50.00 for that. Trefzger also talked about a prior sexual assault arrest and conviction involving a young "Chinese boy." Trefzger stated King would bring these boys to his house for odd jobs then the sexual acts would take place. Trezger stated that he also "slept with" Victims # 1 and 4. Trefzger was unable to actually recall the number of times he had sexual relations with each, but at one point he stated he had been with Victim # 4 three to four times a year for a couple of years and Victim # 1 four to five times in total.

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- 29. That on 02 September 2016, a search and seizure warrant was executed at Bemer's (Propane) at 210 Commerce Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut. This search was conducted to locate and seize corroborative evidence of Promoting Prostitution, Patronizing a Prostitute, Sexual Assault and Conspiracy charges. Numerous items were seized and forwarded to the Connecticut State Forensic Laboratory for examination.
- 30. That the affiant and FBI Special Agent Siuzdak believe that Robert King, going back approximately 20 years, has sought out young men with varying degrees of psychological disabilities for the purpose of using these individuals for prostitution. That King would fraudulently befriend these young males, offer them work, money, food and other fake inducements, exploit their weakness' which was often times drug based, and provide them with illegal drugs to the point they were financially indebted to him, then arrange for them to trade sex for money to pay off the debt they owed_to King. The young males would then have to pay Robert King for arranging this encounter in addition to the monies for the drugs he had previously provided to them.
- 31. That the affiant and Special Agent Siuzdak believe that a Criminal Conspiracy exists between Robert King, William Trefzger, and Bruce Bemer based on the statements of Robert King, William Trefzger, and Bruce Bemer. That there was an agreement between King and Trefzger and King and Bemer, that Robert King would recruit young males and deliver them to Bemer and Trefzger for the purpose of prostitution. That the agreement between the parties furthered the overall conspiracy. That the overt Acts of this conspiracy was that Robert King did in fact recruit victims Victims # 1, 2, 3 and 4 and did deliver them by car from Danbury to Bruce Bemer and/or William Trefzger and others for the purpose of prostitution. Further, that supplying the victims with or aiding them with obtaining illegal drugs that helped these young males perform said acts of prostitution is further evidence of the overt acts made in furtherance of this conspiracy.
- 32. That the KING did compel and induce Victim # 1, Victim # 2, and others, to meet with TREFZGER and BEMER under the guise that the men will simply give them money or engage in other innocuous activities which was untrue and the Victim's were in fact required to submit to sexual acts in exchange for money so that KING would continue to provide them addictive substances and to provide significant portions of the money to KING on demand.
- 33. That the affiant believes that based on the facts of this investigation, statements provided to law enforcement, that there is probable cause to believe that Robert King, Bruce Bemer, William Trefzger have committed acts in violation of Connecticut General Statutes.

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